REGISTERED NURSING (ARNEC)
Associate of Applied Science: 66 Credits

TERM	DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES	HOURS
	GSTD0103 College Reading	3
	GSTD0243 Essential English	3
	GSTD0201 Composition I Lab	1

TERM	RN PRE-REQUISITES – 33 Credits	HOURS
	ENGL1113 Composition I	3
	ENGL1123 Composition II	3
	MED1223 Medical Math	3
	PSYC2003 General Psychology	3
	PSYC2033 Developmental Psychology	3
	BUS1003 Microcomputer Applications	3
	BIOL2003 Nutrition and Diet	3
	BIOL2064 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
	BIOL2074 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
	BIOL2094 General Microbiology	4
Total Pre-Requisites		**33**

TERM	RN PROGRAM CORE – 33 Credits	HOURS
	RNSG2119 Nursing Concepts I	9
	RNSG2123 Nursing Practicum I	3
	RNSG2216 Nursing Concepts II	6
	RNSG2223 Nursing Practicum II	3
	RNSG2318 Nursing Concepts III	8
	RNSG2323 Nursing Practicum III	3
	RNSG 2311 NCLEX-RN Preparation	1
Total Program Core		**33**

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The LPN to RN transition program is a 12-month program that begins in January and ends in December each year. It is available through the Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC). It combines classroom instruction with clinical experiences and offers a new and innovative approach via a nontraditional delivery format of nursing theory through live-streamed video. Theory (nursing lectures) will be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 3:30 – 8:30 PM and most clinical time will take place on weekends. This program was designed to meet the needs of rural LPNs/LVNs. Colleges participating in ARNEC include: University of Arkansas Cossatot-Nashville and De Queen, South Arkansas Community College-El Dorado, University of Arkansas Community College-Hope and Texarkana, and University of Arkansas Rich Mountain-Mena. All classes are taught in the English language. Students must be able to read, speak, write, and comprehend the English language proficiently. All students who speak English as a second language must pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The course of study meets the requirements of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. Graduates of the program receive an Associate of Applied Science degree that prepares them to take the Registered Nurse licensing exam, the NCLEX-RN.

The application deadline is August 31st of each year and while all pre-requisite courses must be completed prior to the start of the program in January, applicants may lack only one of the pre-requisite courses at the close of the application process. In order to be considered for admission, applicants must:
- Meet all college admission requirements.
- Complete an ARNEC online application located on the UA Cossatot website as well as additional information located on the ARNEC website at **http://www.arnec.org.**
- Have graduated from a State Board approved practical nursing program or show successful completion of the NCLEX-PN exam.
- Possess a valid unencumbered LPN/LVN license.
- Complete all pre-requisite courses with a grade of C or better prior to the start of the program.
- Have a cumulative pre-requisite GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Submit an official high school transcript or GED and official transcripts from all colleges attended by the end of the application period.
- Take the pre-entrance exam.
- Undergo a drug screen per admitting institution protocol.
- Effective January 2020, all ARNEC applicants must pay a non-refundable $20 application fee at the time of application.

NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: *ARNEC faculty reserves the right to alter the curriculum and admission policies whenever change is deemed necessary.*

Applicants are ranked and selected based on pre-requisite GPA and pre-entrance exam scores. Students selected for admission will receive a letter of acceptance into the program by mid-October and must provide the admitting institution a written letter stating acceptance and intention to enroll in the program. This letter must be uploaded into the Blackboard module you will be enrolled in. In the event the student does not plan to enroll, the student needs to notify the institution so an alternate student may have the slot. Each institution will have an alternate list of students in case a selected student declines his/her acceptance.

Upon acceptance into the program, the student must provide the following:
- Current American Heart Association: Healthcare Provider CPR course (AHA/BLS-HCP)
- Current PPD Skin Test or Chest X-Ray (if applicable)
- Verification that the Hepatitis B series has been completed/started, or a titer showing immunity, or a signed Waiver Claim Form
- Current flu vaccination
- Current Tdap vaccination (UAC program requirement)
- Verification that the MMR series has been completed/started, or a titer showing immunity (UAC program requirement)
- Verification that the Varicella series has been completed/started, or a titer showing immunity.

- Students may lack one prerequisite course at the time of the August 31st deadline. This course must be completed by the end of the fall semester before ARNEC classes begin.
- All required general education courses must be completed by the time nursing courses begin the following January.
- Selected applicants must complete and pass a criminal background check. An instruction sheet will be provided to the applicant (approximately $22.00 cost)

GRADING SCALE FOR ARNEC PROGRAM: 90-100 = A; 84-89 = B; 78-83 = C; 70-77 = D (failing); 69 or below = F (failing)
*This program is a consortium of colleges and therefore has a common grading scale approved by the ARNEC board.

To progress in the nursing curriculum, the student must maintain a 2.0 "C" (on a 4.0 scale) in all general education and nursing classes, including nursing practicum. Nursing courses require students to achieve at least a 78% (lowest "C" grade) to progress. Due to the strenuous nature of the nursing curriculum, the admitting institution reserves the right to determine eligibility of any student to enroll or continue in the nursing program. Eligibility is determined by the faculty's evaluation of the student's ability to perform the tasks and responsibilities of a Registered Nurse and to complete the clinical and course objectives. These abilities are re-evaluated during and after each course.

Re-admission will be decided by the admitting institution. A student who fails or leaves the program for any reason will be permitted one opportunity to re-enroll (regardless of which semester). The student has the right to appeal any ARNEC ruling to the administration of the admitting institution and should follow that institution's appeal procedures. Due to differences in nursing curriculum in other nursing programs, ARNEC will not accept transfer credit for previously taken Registered Nursing courses. Students who were enrolled in another program will follow the same requirements and admission procedures as students who have never attended another nursing program. If an enrolled ARNEC student needs to transfer to another ARNEC member institution, then permission may be granted from the institution that the student wishes to transfer to, based on space availability and the institution's requirements for transfer students.

Students must successfully complete all general education courses and all nursing courses with a grade of "C" or better. Upon completion, the student's status will be submitted to the State Board of Nursing declaring that the student wishes to sit for the licensing examination. Due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., unacceptable criminal background check), graduation from the ARNEC LPN/LVN to RN Transition program does NOT automatically enable the student to sit for the NCLEX-RN. This is determined by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and may be reviewed at www.arsbn.org along with the criminal background FAQs at https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/CBCFAQs.pdf.

TRANSFER OPTIONS:
- University of Central Arkansas Central Methodist University
- Arkansas Tech University (ATU) MS
- Chamberlain University
- Aspen University
- Henderson University
- John Brown University
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